

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT:

An information disclosure statement is included with this amendment and brings to the attention of the Examiner a reference cited in our co-pending U.S. Application 10/707,630.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please added the following paragraph to the specification before paragraph [0001]:

This application is a divisional of and claims the benefit of U.S. Non-Provisional Application Serial Number 09/713,415 filed November 15, 2000 under 35 U.S.C. §120.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

A Request for Approval of Drawing Changes is being filed concurrently herewith, Applicant proposes amending the drawings by labeling the black boxes 1-8 and 11-16 in Figure 1, as shown in the attached drawings in red.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Applicant asserts that no objection or rejection was made with respect to claims 1, 2 and 8, but the Office Action Summary box 7 indicates that these claims are object to. Furthermore, the Detailed Action does not address objections to Claims 1, 2 and 8. Applicants assume that Claims 1, 2 and 8 were inadvertently included in this section and, therefore, will not be addressed at this time.

With respect to Claim 9, Applicants assert that there is no antecedent basis problem with the “values within a preslected range” portion of the claim cited by the Examiner. In order to advance prosecution, Applicants have amended Claim 9 to more clearly define the invention. Applicant asserts that the scope of Claim 9 has not been broaden, but only has been amended to state explicitly that which is implied from Claims 1 and 4 from which Claim 9 depends.